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1. US BELIEVES THAT " EVALUATION PROCESS USED BY ADVISORY SERVICES IS A SUBJECT OF INTEREST BUT LIKELY TOO VARIABLE AMONG NATIONS AND TOO SPECIFIC TO EACH SITUATION TO BE PRODUCTIVE FOR AN ENTIRE SESSION. WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE PART OF ANY PROGRAM AREA SELECTED RATHER THAN THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE FOCUS.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT PREPARATORY MEETING CONSIDER SELECTING A TOPIC FOR THE 1974 CONFERENCE RELATING TO ADVISORY
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PROGRAMS, EMPHASIZING NEW FACTORS RELATING TO FOOD PRODUCTION, SUCH AS WORLD DEMAND, CHANGES IN FACTORS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND PRICING POLICIES- THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE TOPICS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED:

A. DISCUSSION OF TRENDS IN FOREIGN TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FARM INPUTS (BY MAJOR IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRY).

B. TRENDS IN POPULATION, PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE CHANGES IN LEVELS AND STYLES OF LIVING AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE MOVEMENTS.

C. DISCUSSION OF FACTORS HAVING PRESENT OR POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN TRADE (BY MAJOR IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRY).

1) DOMESTIC PRODUCTION POLICIES

2) TRADE POLICIES

3) TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SHIFTS IN COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE.

4) TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS AND NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS.

5) INTER- COUNTRY RESTRICTIONS OF A PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL NATURE, I. E. LIVESTOCK AND MEAT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.

6) INFLATION

7) STRONGER VOICE OF CONSUMER IN POLICY DETERMINATION. ROGERS

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